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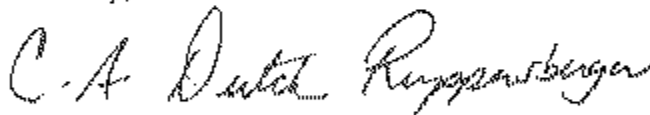
Ms. Hope McGowan  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of the Pardon Attorney  
1425 New York Ave., NW  
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Ms. McGowan:

I am writing to inquire as to the current status of Mr. Cornell Clifford Bass' application for a presidential pardon. Mr. Bass received a letter from your office on February 19, 2009 asking him to provide more information for his application which he promptly submitted to the Office of the Pardon Attorney on February 27, 2009.

I would appreciate it if I could be informed of the current status of Mr. Bass' application as he is one of my constituents.

Sincerely,



Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger  
Member of Congress

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The Honorable C. A. Dutch Ruppertsberger  
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Dear Congressman Ruppertsberger:

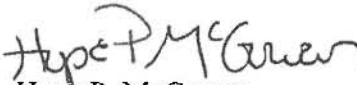
This is in response to your letter of July 30, 2009, inquiring about the status of the application for presidential pardon filed by Cornell Clifford Bass.

Mr. Bass's application is under consideration. The processing time for a pardon application can be lengthy, and we can give no assurance that final action will be taken by the President within a particular time frame. Accordingly, we are unable to advise you when he may expect a decision on his application. Please be assured, however, that we will notify him promptly when the President has taken final action on his request.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers  
Pardon Attorney

By:   
Hope P. McGowan  
Attorney